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NEWS SUMMARY.

Both houses of the General Assembly were in session.—Speaker Cardwell referred to the Second Auditor quite emphatically.—The Mozart musical Monday night.—The Kent bill discussed.—The Chesapeake and Ohio have ordered ten more engines.—Sons of the Revolution met.—Mr. William B. Wall died.—News from the Army.—The convention of the Christian Endeavor Society met.—Man killed on the Richmond and Alleghany track.—Anniversary services held in commemoration of the death of Rabbi Harris.

VIRGINIA.

Death of Mr. Charles Price from the grip at Hampden-Sidney College.—Sale of rabbits in the Alexandria markets in spite of the law forbidding their being killed after January 1st.

Hospital of prominent citizens of London.—Interment of Captain E. E. Hollins at Fredericksburg.—Meeting of the Norfolk Horticultural and Pomological Society.—A charter has been granted to the Norfolk Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.—Large exportation of coal from Lamberts Point for the two weeks ending January 21st.

The negroes of Danville are greatly excited over the hanging of Margaret Lashley there Friday.—A citizen's mass meeting in Danville yesterday appointed a committee to use every effort to secure a reduction in freight rates.—The sales of leaf tobacco in Danville last week amounted to about a million pounds.

—The Jonah Social Club was organized in Danville last night.—C. D. Womack & Co., general merchants at Bimley, have failed.

There was a fire night in Bland county at Rocky Gap.—Rev. George W. K. Green, of Bland Courthouse, had his brick broken in a recent accident.—The planters of Lunenburg are prevented by the wet weather from burning their plant beds.—Mr. B. M. Bowlett, of Green Bay, is dead.

—The old Confederates of Lunenburg are anxious to volunteer in case of war with Chile.—Mr. Junius L. Nelson, of Farmville, is an applicant for the vacant Commonwealth's attorneyship of Cumberland.—The Nicholson failure in Baltimore caused a number of losses in Middlesex.—The question of extending the franchise of the Thompson-Houston Electric Light Company at Hampton has been deferred for decision. Staunton will ask the Legislature for an extension of its limits.—The temperance advocates of Staunton will fight the next city election on the wet and dry issue.—Judge Stouf, of the Augusta county court, is still unable to leave his room.

NORTH CAROLINA.

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A meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will be held in this city February 2d.—Cyrus W. Field is again in a serious condition.—Ex-congressman William E. Robinson, of Brooklyn, died yesterday.—It is feared that the Democrats will not be able to get the World's Fair Auditorium at Chicago for the National Convention.—Small-pox is yet epidemic in New York.—Charles A. Flack, of Brooklyn, has brought suit for \$15,000 damages against the Yale-Francis football teams.—Winston-Salem (N. C.) is making an effort to get a Federal building.—The Brazilian Legislature has virtually constituted President Peixoto's dictator.—It is said that Prince George of Wales' engagement to some Princess will soon be announced.—The Catholic church of Connellsburg, Pa., was destroyed by fire Friday.—The Ways and Means Committee considered the financial condition of the Government yesterday.—General Stanley wired that he "regards the Garza movement as ended."—Two bold men robbed an express train on the Missouri Pacific yesterday.—Part of the Boston Electric Light Works was destroyed by fire yesterday.—The Civilian situation remains unchanged, but there is no less activity in the navy-yards.—Two of the Mexican revolutionaries have been sentenced to be shot.—Biepler, the murderer of Mrs. Goodly and her son, was lynched at Nevada, Mo., Friday.

The inadequacy of the amount of wheat which it was proposed to ship to Russia from this country as a relief to the famine districts, the plan being to transport it in a single Government vessel is shown by the fact that the Czar has just made one purchase of 15,000,000 rubles' worth of wheat in eastern Russia, which is to be devoted to one portion only of his destitute subjects. A single cargo of American wheat would afford food to a few limited districts, but would be utterly lost if sought to be distributed over a considerable section of country. Its chief importance would have lain in the spirit of kindness and good will towards Russia which it indicated.

The increase in the price demanded for race-horses of the highest reputation of speed is an indication of the growing interest now felt in this country in the turf, and the enlargement of the possibility of profit in connection with it through the winnings of race-horses. One hundred thousand dollars is an extraordinary value to set upon any piece of perishable flesh and blood, and yet this sum has been given recently for a race-horse by a syndicate, and the prediction is even ventured that the most famous race-horses in the future will command as high a price as \$250,000 a piece.

THE DISCUSSION OF THE DEBT.

The publication of Colonel Ruffin's letter on the debt was the occasion of a warm discussion on the subject in the House of Delegates yesterday, resulting as far as indications could show in an overwhelming vote for taking the necessary steps to carry out the Olcott settlement. This discussion is what we desire.

Two weeks before the Governor's message upon the debt was sent in, Colonel Ruffin was applied to for the information which he gave in his letter yesterday, but which he withheld until after the Governor's message had been made public, out of respect for the Executive. As this settlement of the debt will not and ought not to be submitted to the people, The Times considered it very important that every objection that could be raised should now be raised and the settlement passed upon by the Legislature after a full hearing from all objectors. This we believe will be accomplished and the Olcott settlement will be approved without any occasion being given to any dissatisfied Readjuster to say hereafter that the matter had not been dissected or that the bill had been hastily passed out of fear that it would not bear discussion.

The settlement was not merely discussed and dissected yesterday, but the more painful process of vivisection was inflicted upon some of its opponents by Speaker Cardwell.

FRESH AND GROWING.

The misery of life is that its best things soon wear out, that "evil days" are necessary a part of our condition; that spring so quickly yields to summer, summer to fall, and fall to winter, for the most part, of discontent. We sadly ask, must all freshness depart with the morning of life? Is the clothing of manhood a case-armour of prejudices, opinions and conventionalities? Is it nature's way to be set in our ways, fixed in our notions; hide-bound, fenced-in and incapable of change or enlargement? But we say that is the general rule, the way of the world and the special history of the individual. All is vanity and vexation of spirit, and it is a waste of time to complain or bother about it. Let's eat the fat and drink the sweet and go ahead.

And yet it is a pleasant reflection and exercise that each day and year is born fresh and young, and has its birth, its growth, its changes and maturity and dark or glorious outgoing, and that the coming and going generation have the young and fresh and growing in different stages, living and passing before our eyes, showing our sympathies, picturing and impressing on each one the whole story of life at a glance. All human things please, and were meant to be beautiful in their time. A green old age is as natural as a bright and beautiful childhood.

One of the handsomest writers of the day discourses that every stage of life is an advance, and that it is not wise to wish that we were boys again. As well might we deplore the loss of our bottles and baby clothes and short pants and tasks and sports and roistering vanities. The life is the honor and glory and delight of infancy was never intended to burn out, grow dim or die; but it was meant rather to grow and increase in power, in intensity and brilliancy, and at last praise its author in mellifluous, perfected, gorgeous splendor, like the setting sun illuminating the darkness of its departure with a beautiful, comforting glow, the assurance from within the vale of continuing life and a certain resurrection.

Is this fancy, poetry, sentiment? Is it not the simplest, plainest, and most familiar teaching of nature? And yet the business practical question is, how is this light of life, this live condition to be fed and cherished and kept on? Is there a fountain of perpetual youth? Can the life of early years be preserved through all the falsehood and killing damps and in spite of all the debris and rubbish of the common-place working-day world? Can it survive the dry and smothering fuel and sickening tasks of the school? Can it live under the heartless, lifeless conventionalities of society, where all its most beautiful grace and light is counted folly and sinfulness? How can it flicker in the struggle and scramble and rush and fierce fight of ambition and avarice or the mortal strife for mere subsistence? What is to keep alive the lights of life in the journey and warfare of our days on earth? How shall it be kept fresh, and what hope is there of growth? Is it all a dream that brows may be unchanging and hearts never cold? Woo to the man that abandons the hope! And yet how many are willing to count the whole thing as a fraud and dash all into the fire of some consuming passion!

Life is a reality, and its fires may be kindled and kept alive forever. And these latter days show many to whom living and glowing and growing is a moving principle and the tree planted by the water side is a dear ideal—fed upon truth and cherished by natural joys and manners and sympathies and affections, devoted to honor and bent on keeping and enlarging their divine patrimony of manhood. To this each stage of life is profoundly interesting, a higher level opening more expansive views and a clearer atmosphere. These pass from strength to strength and use all the vicissitudes of life to purify their own souls and confirm their hold on Heaven. The words of the prophet for redeemed Israel are beautifully applicable to their whole lives:

"I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth roots as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine; the scents thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found."

The fountain of perpetual youth and growth is the Saviour of mankind, who is also to his followers as the vine to the branches. And the natural and divine law is: Except the branch abide in the vine it withereth.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

The New York Sun calls attention to the shrinkage in recent years in the volume and a still greater shrinkage in the value of the grain which we ship to foreign countries, and declares that the food products of the United States will in a few years become insufficient for the support of our own people. According to its estimate, we are adding some 1,500,000 to our population annually and therefore it is necessary in order to maintain our present standard of living that we should add about 4,500,000 acres yearly to the fields now planted in grain, hay, potatoes and cotton and clause alluded to by our correspondent.

acres that heretofore has gone to swell the volume of exports.

In predicting the early arrival of the day when the American people will consume the full volume of our American products, the Sun does not take into consideration as carefully as it should the extent to which the area of production can be enlarged even in the long-settled portions of the United States. The supply is destined to equal the demand for a practically indefinite time, in spite of the increase of our population by the operation of natural law and additions from immigration.

Any permanent advance in the price of wheat or corn would signify a proportionate enlargement of the present area devoted to the production of these crops. The amount exported will show a marked decline long before there will be any equality between the volume of consumption on the part of the American people and the volume of production as increased by utilizing the whole of the area in the United States which is adapted to grain.

THE WEEKLY TIMES.

Our WEEKLY TIMES possesses some very attractive and distinctive features of its own besides each week publishing all the news, its literary budget, its columns of fashions for ladies and children profusely illustrated; its facts for the farmer, its carefully selected articles for young folks, its religious notes and studied opinions, its dramatic and sporting matter, besides stories, poems, miscellaneous reading, thoughtful editorials, and the usual quota of news, foreign and domestic, make up a paper which at once obtains recognition for practical value and interest.

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SOUTH SIDE NEWS NOTES.

DAY'S HAPPENINGS IN MANCHESTER

Items of General Interest from Chesterfield, Powhatan and Our Sister City—Brief Bits of News—Personals.

MANCHESTER BUREAU RICHMOND TIMES, Twelfth and Hull streets, Branch Office, 1104 Decatur street.

The funeral of Mrs. M. E. Woodbridge took place yesterday at 3:30 o'clock from the Bainbridge-street Baptist church. A large number of relatives of deceased and sympathetic friends were in attendance. The pall-bearers were Messrs. James L. Robinson, Wellington Brandis, Frank Du Val, George E. Gary, E. W. Weisiger, J. C. Snellings, E. M. Gregory and W. J. Carter. Rev. L. R. Thornhill conducted the services and the interment was made in Maury cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah J. Bedford, an account of whose death appeared in these columns, were taken to Northwest county yesterday morning for interment. The funeral exercises will take place at that point.

Captain Richard Owen, the oldest citizen of Powhatan county, died suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Julia Vest, in Powhatan, early night. He was in the ninety-second year of his age and widely known and greatly beloved. He was a son of a revolutionary soldier and was the father of Rev. Dr. A. F. Owen of Portsmouth. The funeral will take place to-day.

DR. GARDNER ARMSTRONG.

Delegate Toney has received notification from the clerk of the board of supervisors of Chesterfield of the adoption of a resolution by the board requesting Mr. Toney to secure the enactment of a law giving authority to the board to make an allowance to the treasurer of the county not exceeding seven hundred dollars a year. Mr. Toney has a bill in hand to accomplish this but has not yet introduced it.

It will be remembered that the judge of the circuit court decided substantially that the authority empowering the supervisors to pay the additional sixty dollars a month to the treasurer was not sufficiently clear, and hence the necessity for legislation upon the subject. The treasurer of Chesterfield has been receiving a salary of sixty dollars a month besides his commissions for nearly twenty years, and during all that time the question as to the legality of the allowance was never raised.

CHURCH ITEM.

Rev. A. R. Moore, of Richmond, will conduct the services at Towne Avenue Christian church to-night at 8 o'clock. Usual services in the morning at 11 o'clock.

The usual service will be held in the Leader Hall this afternoon under the auspices of the Railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. L. R. Thornhill will preach at Bainbridge-street church this morning and to-night.

Rev. Decatur Edwards will preach at the Clifton-street church this morning and to-night.

Rev. C. N. Van Houton will preach as usual at the Presbyterian church to-day.

Rev. W. C. Vaden will preach morning and evening at the Central Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Woodward will preach this morning and to-night at the Fifth-street Methodist church.

No positive arrangements have been made as to the services at the West End Methodist church to-day.

Rev. J. J. Chopton will conduct the services of Meade Memorial church to-day.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM.

One of the children of Mr. John S. Talley, Jr., while playing with a small bottle yesterday took an overdose of paregoric, which he found in one of them. Dr. Lawrence Ingram was summoned and succeeded in reviving the little sufferer, who at late hour last evening was doing very well.

A deed of assignment was entered to record in Powhatan county Friday from Messrs. Harris & Schaefer to Mr. William M. Flanagan, trustee. The liabilities are estimated at \$1,000 and the assets at \$1,000. The principal creditors are Richmond merchants, and they are all rated the same.

There was not a case in the police court yesterday.

In the hunting court the case of W. A. Neal, charged with conducting a game of lottery, was continued until the February term of the court. The case of E. A. Savory, charged with trespass, was withdrawn at the request of the prosecutor, Mr. G. E. Blanchard.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mr. George G. Ransom has returned from New Bern, N. C., where he went to attend the funeral of his father, General Robert Ransom.

Mrs. Fanny Miles received the handsome shaving case in the window of Mrs. D. E. Linton's dry good store. She guessed 175, which was the lucky number.

James Handie Gallagher, son of Mr. Andrew Gallagher, of Manchester, has been appointed a cadet at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Congressman Wise. Young Gallagher is eighteen years old and is now a student at McGuire's school in Richmond, where he is preparing for the examination.

Mr. J. C. Goodloe, who has been visiting in Manchester, has returned to his home in Afton.

Mr. Clarence Dorset, son of Dr. J. B. Dorset, who has been visiting in the country, returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. T. E. Woodfin and Mrs. S. E. Woodfin, of Richmond, were in the city yesterday attending the funeral of Mrs. Woodbridge.

Mr. Miller Campbell, who has been very sick with the grip, is improving.

Misses Berk and Wainbacher, of Baltimore, are visiting the Misses Harnish, of Manchester.

Mrs. Henry Harnish, of this city, left last night for New York to visit her father.

Judge John's Court.

The recent court decision requiring all cases of petit larceny to go to the grand jury has deprived John of rendering many first-class decisions, and yesterday he was compelled to send on three cases, costing the State about \$75, when formerly he would have added three convicts to the list of the no-sureys at the jail.

Mollie Johnson (colored) was sent to the hunting court for stealing some wearing apparel from Mary Roscoe.

William